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Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"What is the period of membership of this Committee?"

The hon. the President:—"Order, order."

Personnel of the Selection Committee of the Government Arts College, Kumbakonam.

* 339 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the personnel of the Committee appointed for the selection of candidates for admission into the Government Arts College, Kumbakonam?

A.—(1) The Principal of the College.

(2) M.R.Ry. T. Krishnaswami Ayyangar Avargal, Advocate, Kumbakonam.

(3) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M. C. N. Muthukumaraswami Chettiyar Avargal.

(4) M.R.Ry. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai Avargal, M.L.C.

(5) Khan Sahib Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.

Personnel of the staff of the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School, Royapetta, Madras.

* 340 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) who the teachers of each subject in each class now are in the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School and to what community they belong;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that even in the case of lower forms of the High School all the subjects are taught through the medium of English; and

(*c*) under whose orders and for what reasons this is being done?

A.—(*a*) A statement has been prepared in manuscript and is available for inspection.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Discretion regarding the language to be adopted as the medium of instruction in the school rests with the Superintendent of the school. As qualified Muslim women teachers are not available in sufficient numbers and as the supply of non-Muslim women teachers knowing Urdu is also insufficient, the Superintendent has no option except to use English as the medium of instruction in the school.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I ask what steps the Government propose to take to get more Muslim women teachers for the Hobart Training School so as to solve the difficulty of teaching through the medium of a foreign language?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"That is a matter which is being considered."